

## HOUSE FAMINE

Five Hundred More Residences are Needed.

TO SUPPLY THE DEMAND

Kind and Character of Houses Wanted.

FLATS MAY BE POPULAR

All Winds Point From a Prosperous Direction.

Wichita's boom is on. It has been on for several months but the test of its genuineness is that it increases with the approach of winter. Taking everything together the influx of new people, the widespread activity in the building trades, the demand for residences, the unprecedented construction of building blocks, the location of new manufacturing, the enlargement of old ones, the expansion of the wholesale trade, the prosperity of the retail business and the thousand and one other evidences of already healthy unimpaired growth all point the wind from the most prosperous direction. The best barometer of all is the real estate market. It tells more accurately than all others the condition of the city, and incident to this is the demand for residences.

From every point the people are coming. Everybody in the southwest seems to realize more fully than ever before that Wichita is destined to be the center of the immense agricultural area embraced in the southwest one half of Kansas all of Oklahoma, the Indian territory and the plains of northern Texas. It will be the commercial, manufacturing, educational and social center of a territory that will contain more than three million people when the next census is taken.

These people are coming to Wichita and must be taken care of. The problem is not how to absorb them into the citizenship of the city, but how to accommodate them for the present. With every hammer and saw busy for nearly four years Wichita is still short from 200 to 500 houses.

"If 200 new houses were ready for occupancy tomorrow, how quickly could you dispose of them?" James Stewart of the rental firm of Stewart & Burns said to a reporter for the Eagle yesterday.

"With my firm's demand for houses now we could fill 100 six room cottages in fifteen days. I could readily fill them in five days. I could rent forty of them tomorrow forenoon."

"How many extra houses does Wichita need to fill the demand?" Dean Gordon was asked.

"I do not think 200 would be any too many for the present demand," he said. During the ten minutes a reporter was interviewing Mr. Gordon he had nine visitors all inquiring if he had any houses to rent.

"Don't talk to me about houses," said Fred Robertson of the Hartford Investment company. "We must have 200 or 300 more houses in Wichita at once."

"What kind of houses are most needed?"

"Flats. We must have flats. I know they never have been popular in Wichita but the fact must be taken into consideration that Wichita has never had a flat house to live in."

"Has it ever had flats?"

"No. Wichita has never had a real flat. I believe that well equipped flats with all modern conveniences would become very popular in Wichita. Why do so many people want to live in the Standard block, the Wynn block and other down town public buildings? Simply because they are convenient. Flats would be still more convenient. We are expanding, with the expansion of our wholesale business and the concentration of railroad interests here, a class of people that would live in flats in preference to cottages. Take for instance the wives of traveling men and railroad men who are away from home a great deal; they do not like to live in cottages. They are too lazier for them."

"A modern house of every convenience."

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Sent for Letters About Grape-Nuts.

Three hundred and thirty boxes of gold and greenbacks will be sent to persons writing interesting and truthful letters about the good that has been done them by the use of Grape-Nuts food.

Twenty boxes, each containing a \$5 gold piece, will be sent to the ten writers of the most interesting letters. Twenty boxes, each containing a \$5 gold piece, will be sent to the ten writers of the most truthful letters.

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## Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous.

The thing to do is to help the system discharge the humors, and strengthen it against their return.

Hood's Sarsaparilla permanently cured J. G. Hines, Frank, Ill., of eczema from which he had suffered for some time. Mr. Hines writes: "Box 211, Algonia, Wis., of pimples on my face and back and chafed skin on my body, by which I had been greatly troubled. There are more testimonials in favor of this great medicine than can be published."

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Don't put off treatment. Buy a bottle of Hood's today.

can be built and rented more reasonably than a cottage of equal convenience. Four flats of six rooms each can be built on thirty feet of ground or practically on as much ground as would be required for one six room cottage. The economy of valuable ground, something that must soon challenge the attention of Wichita property holders and I believe the day is not far distant when few people will have more than one residence lot. A wide frontage is a nice thing, but it is a burden, especially when public improvements such as paving is done.

Mr. Robertson was asked why, with the present demand for houses, the Wichita people who have so much money in the banks are not putting up residence buildings for investment.

He is inclined to think that the big permanent deposits in the Wichita banks do not belong to Wichita people. He thinks that many of the farmers in the state who have lived in Wichita for some time own their own houses and are paying for them. They got the houses when they were cheap and are improving them. He also called attention to the fact that a great many of the employees of wholesale houses are investing the savings in the stock of the company they are working for. Every man working for Charles E. Potts are continually planting their money in the stock of the Potts Drug company. The same system is in vogue in the Rockaway wholesale hardware company and in other firms. The man who works with these firms knows the value of their stock and they also are more sure of steady employment with the firms when they are thus identified with them.

Dean Gordon says that residence property is now the best investment a man can make. Money thus placed can earn three or four per cent per annum. He thinks that money invested in neat six room cottages is capable of safely earning fifteen per cent. He said property to cost about \$10,000 that is earning \$1,500 per year. This property consists of several small houses, the most costly now being bought for \$300.

The building and loan association is doing an immense business, but this does not relieve the demand for houses appreciably. The buildings for which the association furnishes money are not rental property. They are for private use and can only relieve the demand by those who are building their own houses vacating houses they have lived in as renters.

The accommodation of people who are coming in and seeking houses is a problem that must be solved.

The real estate market is in prime condition. The pulse of values never beat more uniformly and certain. The price of property has increased about 20 per cent in two years, but the best sort of real estate men say that values have not begun to increase yet. The indications are that within six months the present value of the average piece of property will increase from 25 to 50 per cent.

The values in Wichita are lower on the average than in any of the big cities of the state, while the prospects of Wichita are becoming a great city are ten times greater than any other city in the state.

The business property zone in Wichita is expanding. The property on side streets from Douglas avenue and Main is steadily increasing in demand and value. Main street from Douglas avenue south two blocks has become an established business street and so has Market from Douglas avenue to Williams street.

There is a feeling and it cannot be suppressed that Williams street from the city building to the Santa Fe depot will be made a business street during the next year or two. It will be one of the first phases of Wichita's greater development.

The real result of this feeling is that property on William street without regard to location, is increasing in value and shrewd investors are quietly becoming owners there.

With all Wichita's splendid auguries for the future, the fact is important that the people have never been better united. There is a sign of it. All the people are willing to make everything subordinate to their ambition to make Wichita the metropolis of the southwest.

All the people honestly feel that they will accomplish their ambition. There are no factions. They are working under a system of progression that is understood and anticipated by all. They are joined together for a greater Wichita. And the outside world seems to be leaning with them. Two railroads were never so friendly to the city or were never more full of immense interests as making arrangements to enter here. The other who have the greatest faith in the ultimate success of the city are the men who are at the head of the railroads that are now in Wichita as was the case that are coming are most enthusiastic supporters of the city. So are the men who are at the head of the packing houses and other large interests. The wholesale houses are doing a volume of business beyond their dreams. The business men everywhere in the southwest have it figured out that Wichita is destined to be their big market and commercial center.

### CASE WAS CONTINUED

Peter Larcen Remains in Re-Perfectly Name.

The trial of Peter Larcen for insanity was taken up in the probate court yesterday. The case is a protracted one. Larcen was taken to the hospital and last week seemed to be improving over something. Deputy Sheriff McPherson went after him Monday and brought him to the city. He acknowledged that he was a little off at the time but was all right at present. All the witnesses said that he was insane at that time but the most of them had changed their minds yesterday. The jury could not send the man to the asylum on the evidence given yesterday, so the case was continued until Monday.

## FIRST OF ITS KIND

Geiser Manufacturing Company to Establish House Here.

ALSO ENGINE REPAIR SHOP

Big Company Leases the Old Stewart Iron Works.

The Geiser Manufacturing company, of Waukesha, Penn., will occupy the building formerly used by the Stewart Iron Works. The building is being remodeled and the entire rear wall will be torn out and a new one put in. The roof was burned off several years ago and this is being replaced. When the building is completed it will be almost as good as new. It is a two-story brick and stone structure and has three-quarters of an acre floor space. It was built for a machine shop and is an ideal place for the company.

The Geiser company is one of the largest of the machine manufacturing companies in this country. Its capital is \$200,000. The company established an office in this city about a year ago and now they are going to put in a stock of their goods valued at \$50,000 and will also put in a fine repair shop for working over threshing engines and separators.

J. W. Vaniman will be the manager of the local house. He has traveled for this company for the past five years and has had his headquarters in this city for the past year. This place will be the southwestern distributing point for the Geiser company and all of the repair work of the company in southern Kansas and Oklahoma will be done here. This will be a great saving of time and freight, both for the company and the consumer. The owner of the threshing machine will not have to send to Kansas City for repairs for his machine, but can get them in this city. This is the most thrashing machine in the world and their products have given good satisfaction to the western wheat men. There is the only thrashing machine that does not use a steel in separating the grain from the chaff.

The Stewart Iron Works have been idle for a number of years. The firm of J. W. Vaniman had charge of the building and when the Geiser people came here they immediately began negotiations for the lease of the building. The agents have been remodeling the building for some time and the repairs have cost several thousand dollars up to date and when completed the building will be a model machine shop.

The Geiser people at present are building a six-story brick block at Kansas City.

### KINGFISHER

FOOTBALL TEAM WILL PLAY FAIRMOUNT BOYS TODAY.

Both Teams in Fine Form and Ready for the Play.

Last night on the 3 o'clock Rock Island train the heavyweight football team of Kingfisher college, Oklahoma, arrived in the city to contest with the lads from Fairmount on their athletic field this afternoon. The game promises to be one of the best of the season for several reasons. The Kingfisher boys have held a place second to none in Oklahoma for three years and have been very anxious to settle the laurels from away Kansas where they could come across. They naturally chose the metropolis of the southwest for their objective point. They have already scored two victories this year, having defeated Oklahoma Agricultural college by a score of 12 to 0, and the Chicago Indians by a score of 23 to 0. The following will be the line-up of the two teams:

Kingfisher: Center.....Fairmount: Right Guard.....Jordan Way.....Left Guard.....Kirk Vredenburg.....Right Guard.....Harlow Maher.....Right Tackle.....Darius Pickett.....Left Tackle.....Burton Mahaffey.....Right End.....Freddy Porter.....Quarter.....Blackie Allen (capt.).....Left Half.....Porter (capt.).....Merris.....Right Half.....Sutton Wilde.....Full Back.....Lewis

The Kingfisher men are experienced players. Allen and Merris, the half backs, have played the positions for several years and are very familiar with the game, but play well together. Wide at full is a new player, but is showing up well. Porter, the manager of the team, plays at quarter. He is not a heavy-weight, but is quick, cool and nerve. In the line Burke at center holds a position played before and Red Stahl at end has the reputation of being a terror.

The Fairmount boys form about Jordan, their old reliable center. The game he plays is well known to lovers of the sport in Wichita and he plays better every game. Kirk at left guard is a new, but aggressive player. Burton, the right guard, is always in the game. Allen and Blackie as tackles are likely to be enough to the Fairmount line and much will be expected of them. Porter and body will play the ends and will try interference smothering. Behind the line Burke will be at quarter. He is an adept in handling the half and is a good player. Captain Porter at left half will play his characteristic hard game. While Sutton, the right half, will have nothing to do to do his part well. Lewis at full back will always be on hand for his important part of the game.

All in all, the game will be as scientific and as hardy contested as the famous Manhattan game of a year ago. Both sides are members of sterner and will stand to a finish. All lovers of the great intercollegiate game should turn out to enjoy the contest. For expense of bringing the team from Kingfisher is quite heavy and the management deserves the support of loyal Wichita. The crowd will promise to afford transportation for the people and will have extra care at the corner of Main and Douglas at 2:30. The game begins promptly at 3:30 on the Fairmount athletic field.

## AT Cash Henderson's Reversible Rugs...

Yesterday we received a lot of 250 Lyotan Reversible Rugs, size 22x50. These Rugs are extra quality and worth double what we ask for them. Our price is 50c. Take elevator for second floor.

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The ideas that some people entertain. When they read the story of "Abdul and His Three Daughters," they'll jump at conclusions before they are justified. They think that the three daughters won't get married, because the old King locks them up in a castle. But they do.

Then, some people think because we haven't harped on our new Fall Neckwear, that we haven't any. But we have.

We've displayed in our copper case the snappiest, cleanest and noblest Neckwear that will be shown this season. They're narrow Four-in-Hands—that's the decision about shape—made up in solid shades, barathra silk.

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Have arrived, so if you are one of the many who have been waiting for them, come in and make your selection. We have all sizes and a large force of men to deliver and set up stoves. The Wilson Hot-Blast is the best heater on the market, burns soft coal and is equal to a gas-burner in producing steady, uniform heat. If you prefer a gas-burner we have some good ones and a complete line of Stoves and Ranges, including the celebrated "Majestic" malleable iron and steel range. Come in and see our line.

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From now on you will probably have a great deal of trouble with your Bicycle Tires. For summer ordinary rim cement is good enough but this cold weather hardens it, makes it brittle, it crumbles, your tire creeps, shears off the valve and is ruined.

After a great deal of experimenting we have found a preparation which added to the cement we use in the repair shop gives life and elasticity in cold weather and holds the tire perfectly.

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## The Coming Man-- The School Boy

Of today will be the future's successful business man, professional man and statesman. While his teacher is giving him a book education, Fulton is helping him to cultivate good taste, dignity and refined manners, by selling a line of high-grade, hand-tailored clothes, the finest produced; and our little prices give the boys a valuable lesson in economic buying. Our prices are guaranteed to be competition proof. Boys' All-Wool Vestee Suits \$1.50. Boys' All-Wool, Double-breasted and Three-piece Suits \$2. Boys' Norfolk, French Pleat and Russian Blouse Suits \$3.50. Finer ones on up to \$8 and \$10. Boys' All-Wool Knee Pants, double seat and knee, a better quality than others 50c and 75c kind; our price...25c. Boys' Heavy Corduroy Pants...50c. Boys' and Children's "Iron Clad" and "Backskin" Pants...25c. Children's "Wells' Special" Hose, 15c, two for...25c. Leggings, Caps, Hats, Mittens, Underwear, Shirts, Shirtwaists, and everything in Fall Furnishing Goods. And your money back for the asking.

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## Tailor-Made Suits and Overcoats

High Art and Fecheimer-Fishel makes of Fine Suits and Overcoats, ranging in price from \$12 to \$25—Suits and Overcoats which would cost you double the price at the merchant tailors.

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